

Rarely, if ever, are any of us healed in isolation.  
Healing is an act of communion.

~ Bell Hooks

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

- ◆ With hellos & “air” hugs
- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community  
*The Only Ones Who Ever Win*  
by Eileen B. Karpeles\*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude  
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- ◆ Lighting the Chalice  
*For When Things Aren't Okay*  
by Molly Brewer\*
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation  
*Love is the spirit of this church ... and service is its law.  
This is our great covenant ... to dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in freedom ... and to help one another.*

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Opening Thought  
*Navigating Life Without a GPS*  
by Ashley Newlin
- ◆ Song  
*Answering The all of Love*  
Singers: Foot Hills Unitarian, Ft Collins, CO \*
- ◆ Reading  
*John 13:31-38*  
New Revised Standard Version
- ◆ Song - 131  
*Love Will Guide Us*  
Singers: First Unitarian Church Ann Arbor\*

\*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices  
Meditation  
*Let Us Make This Earth a Heaven*  
by Tess Baumberger\*
- Time for Personal Reflections
- Musical Response  
XXXXXX  
by xxx
- ◆ Reading  
*Humans' Core Function is Love*  
by Adrienne Maree Brown

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse  
*Love: The Final Frontier*  
by Ashley Newlin

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table*
- ◆ Song  
*Love Reacher Out*  
by Artists of The Sanctuaries, Washington DC
- ◆ Parting Thought  
*Empathy Is a Choice We Make*  
by Leslie JAmison
- ◆ Benediction  
*Go In Peace, Seeking Justice*  
by Jim Magaw\*
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice  
*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,  
The warmth of community or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

- ◆ Postlude

XXXXX  
by XXXXX

## PROGRAM NOTES

**Leading today's morning assembly** Ashley Newlin (she/her) is entering her fourth and final year as a Masters of Divinity student at Brite Divinity School. Where she just completed her 1 year term as Moderator of the Brite Student Association (BSA). During this term BSA implemented a mentoring program, which helped connect new students connect with students further along in their studies to help them transition into the seminary environment. As well as her continued work on structurally reforming the student government to be more representative of all student groups on campus, which is due to be completed by August of this year. She also continues to serve as a Resident Assistant at Leibrock Village, which provides affordable housing for graduate students at Brite and TCU. Before beginning her seminary career at Brite she served as a Youth Pastor in a couple of Nazarene Churches in Oklahoma, as well as serving as a Child Welfare Specialist for Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Some of her hobbies include playing guitar and playing rugby.

## MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep:
- ◆ Host: Marion Hill
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: Amy Hoffman-Shehan
- ◆ Leading today: Ashley Newlin, guest speaker
- ◆ AV Crew: Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: Ellie Dyer

Continued on back panel

## WELCOME GUESTS

*We are Unitarian Universalists. We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers. We are people from many backgrounds who have different beliefs, but shared values.*

*Grounded in more than two hundred years of thoughtful, spiritual communities, we are people of many generations, ethnicities, genders and sexualities, and spiritual backgrounds. People engaged in making the world a better place. People focusing on what really matters – love, justice, integrity, and hope.*

*We are a lay-led congregation. Lay-led congregations have no minister which means members of the congregation manage the various aspects of our church life. Unitarian Universalism has a proud tradition of lay-led churches.*

*We Unitarian Universalists have different beliefs, but shared values. We are Unitarian Universalists, and at the same time we may also be agnostic, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, humanist, Jewish, Muslim, pagan, atheist, believers in God, and those who just let the great mystery be. The diversity of beliefs you'll find in our church community is one of our strengths – we're always learning how to see the world from a different perspective.*

*Learn more about us at your leisure by downloading our app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the App Store.*

*This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today.*



## NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY JUNE 12, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

### **My Favorite Universe**

A video series from The Great Courses

Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

### **Fighting Theocracy**

*The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, guest minister*

*With reproductive justice under attack, "don't say gay" laws gaining traction, and a warped view of religious freedom threatening civil rights; the real possibility of theocracy is at our doorstep, and the Supreme Court of the United States can no longer be counted on to stop it. What can be done to stop the increasing influence of theocratic visions and practices within our society. Read Mark's bio [here](#).*

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

Our answer to the traditional 'coffee hour' - we gather in the Alexander and Emerson Rooms on the first floor.



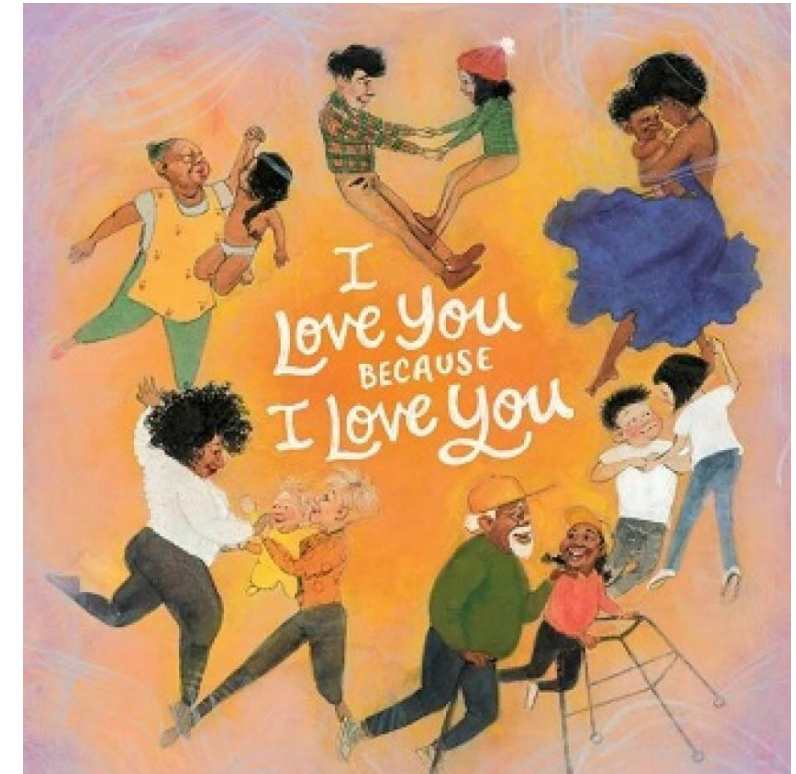
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*Respecting the interdependent  
web of all existence  
of which we are a part.*